

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in substantially the same order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 are pending. Claims 1, 15, 18, and 21 are currently amended. No claims are canceled. No claims are added. No new matter has been added.

Summary of the Advisory Action

Claims 1-3, 5, and 17-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,510,417 to Woods et al. (hereinafter "Woods")

Claims 6 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woods in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,970,446 to Goldberg et al. (hereinafter "Goldberg").

Claims 15-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woods in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,525 to Kanevsky et al. (hereinafter "Kanevsky").

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 5, and 17-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Woods. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections because the cited reference fails to disclose all of the limitations of the claims.

CLAIMS 1-3, AND 5-14

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Woods. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference because Woods does not disclose all of the limitations of the claim. Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A system comprising:
a module to identify a user;
a voice user interface to facilitate communications between the user and the system;

a database to store contextual information pertaining to the user;
and

the system to use user-specific contextual information to dynamically change the voice user interface, wherein **the voice user interface alters security characteristics for navigational options through the voice user interface that are presented to the user based upon environmental information** at the location of the user.
(Emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits Woods fails to disclose all of the limitations of the claim. In particular, Woods does not disclose the voice user interface alters security characteristics for navigational options through the voice user interface that are presented to the user based upon environmental information.

In contrast, claim 1 recites “the voice user interface alters security characteristics for navigational options through the voice user interface that are presented to the user based upon environmental information.” For the reasons stated above, Woods fails to disclose all of the limitations of claim 1. In particular, Woods does not disclose the voice user interface alters security characteristics for navigational options through the voice user interface that are presented to the user based upon environmental information. Given that the cited reference fails to disclose all of the limitations of the claim, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

Given that claims 2-3 and 5-14 depend from independent claim 1, which is patentable over the cited reference, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2-3 and 5-14 are also patentable over the cited reference. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 2-3, 5, and 7-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and the rejection of claims 6 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 6 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable Woods in view of Goldberg. Given that claims 6 and 14 depend from independent claim 1, which is patentable over Woods, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6 and 14 are patentable over the combination of cited references because Goldberg

does not remedy the failure of Woods to disclose the limitation of the voice user interface alters security characteristics presented to the user based upon environmental information.

The Office Action rejected claims 15-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woods in view of Kanevsky. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections because the combination of cited references fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claims.

CLAIMS 15-17

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woods in view of Kanevsky. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 is patentable over the combination of cited references because the combination does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. Claim 15 recites:

A method comprising:

using user-specific contextual information to change a voice user interface;

using environmental information to change the voice user interface; and

altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information at the location of the user.

(Emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits the cited combination of prior art fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. In particular, Woods and Kanevsky, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information.

In contrast, claim 15 recites “altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information.” For the reasons stated above, Woods and Kanevsky, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. In particular, the cited references do not teach or suggest altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information. Given that the cited references fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 is patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Given that claims 16 and 17 depend from independent claim 15, which is patentable over the cited references, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 16 and 17 are also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CLAIMS 18-22

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woods in view of Kanevsky. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 is patentable over the combination of cited references because the combination does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. Claim 18 recites:

An apparatus comprising:

means for using user-specific contextual information to change a voice user interface;

means for using environmental information to change the voice user interface; and

means for altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information at the location of the user.

(Emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits the cited combination of prior art fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. In particular, Woods and Kanevsky, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest means for altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information.

In contrast, claim 18 recites “means for altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information.” For the reasons stated above, Woods and Kanevsky, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. In particular, the cited references do not teach or suggest means for altering security characteristics presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information. Given that the cited references fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 is patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Given that claims 19-20 depend from independent claim 18, which is patentable over the cited references, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 19-20 are also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CLAIMS 21-23

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woods in view of Kanevsky. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 is patentable over the combination of cited references because the combination does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. Claim 21, as amended, recites:

A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

using user-specific contextual information to change a voice user interface;

using environmental information to change the voice user interface; and

altering security characteristics for the navigational options through the user interface presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information at the location of the user.

(Emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits the cited combination of prior art fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. In particular, Woods and Kanevsky, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest altering security characteristics for the navigational options through the user interface presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information.

In contrast, claim 21 recites “altering security characteristics for the navigational options through the user interface presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information.” For the reasons stated above, Woods and Kanevsky, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. In particular, the cited references do not teach or suggest altering security characteristics for the navigational options through the user interface presented to the user by the voice user interface based upon the environmental information. Given that the cited references fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim, Applicant

respectfully submits that claim 21 is patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Given that claims 22 and 23 depend from independent claim 21, which is patentable over the cited references, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 22 and 23 are also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

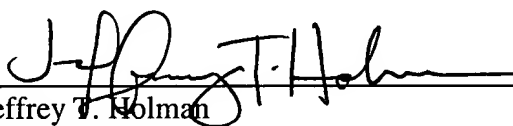
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections have been overcome. If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jeffrey Holman at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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